

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0449

**Title:** Fund at home infant care

**Primary Sponsor:** Gutsche, G.

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2006 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$251,498	\$248,502
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	(\$251,498)	(\$248,502)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### **Department of Public Health and Human Services**

1. This bill includes a biennial appropriation for \$500,000.
2. This bill provides for an at-home infant care program for low-income families through federal funds or private sources if funds are available.
3. It is estimated that a 1.00 FTE, grade 15 Program Specialist would be necessary in the Early Childhood Services Bureau to train field eligibility workers on the eligibility requirements for this program. This position would also write program policy, establish rules, oversee the payment process, monitor the contracts, and communicate with the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R). Personal services including salary and benefits for this position are estimated to be \$41,889 for FY 2006 and FY 2007.
4. It is estimated that operating costs for this program will cost \$23,855 in FY 2006 and \$20,859 in FY 2007. These costs include new employee computer and office packages at \$1,203 and \$1,793 each for FY 2006 and \$20,859 for rent, supplies, communications, forms and processing, and travel for each year of the biennium.
5. It is estimated that the monthly caseload for this program will be 34 families.
6. Eligibility would be conducted by the CCR&R's, which currently provide this function for childcare eligibility determination. The CCR&R agencies would provide the required program educational

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component to the participants in addition to communications and case management. The expense per case for current CCR&R functions is estimated at \$423.35 per case per year. Contracted costs are estimated to be \$14,394 per year ( $\$423.35 \times 34$ ).

7. Benefits available to the program would be at the state average infant rate of \$20 a day for 21 days a month = \$420 per month. Annually this is a cost of \$5,040. It is estimated that benefits paid will \$171,360 per year ( $\$420 \times 12 = \$5,040 \times 34 = \$171,360$ ).
8. It is assumed this is a biennial appropriation.
9. It is assumed that eligibility determination, training, payment and the tracking of benefits for this program will be achieved through a manual paper process, and thus no system costs will be required.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	\$41,889	\$41,889
Operating Expenses	\$38,249	\$35,253
Benefits	<u>\$171,360</u>	<u>\$171,360</u>
TOTAL	\$251,498	\$248,502
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$251,498	\$248,502
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$251,498)	(\$248,502)

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

Expenditures in this fiscal note were limited to funding provided in New Section 2 of this bill.